

ROCK ISLAND--SEARS ANNEXATION CONFIRMED BY DECISION OF COURT

FUNSTON HAS LINE RAIDERS UNDER CHECK

Reports to Washington That No More Troops Are Needed at Present.

BAD BAND IS DISPERSED

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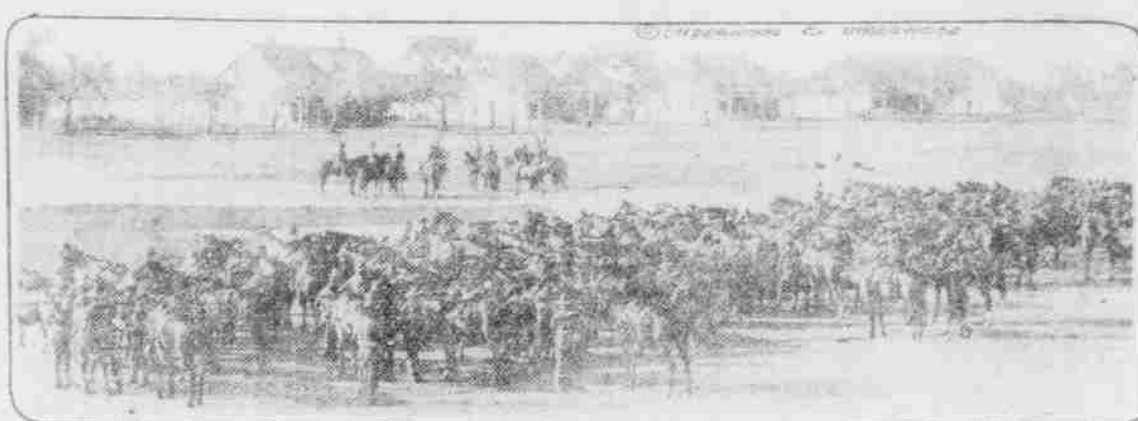
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17,000 SOLDIERS ON THE MEXICAN BORDER



U. S. cavalry at Brownsville, Texas, General Frederick Funston; map showing location of present border troubles.

With Mexican bandits crossing the international boundary line at several points in the vicinity of Brownsville, the Texas border situation remains tense. General Frederick Funston has an army of 17,000 men stationed along the border, and it is expected to keep the situation under control. The bandits are reported to be active in the border region, and the U. S. army is maintaining a high state of alert.

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MORE TOWNS OCCUPIED

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EXPECT PROGRAM TO BE APPROVED

Though Washington is Still in Doubt as to Attitude Carranza Faction May Assume.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The Pan-American appeal to all of the Mexican factions calling on them to end their civil strife was being dispatched from the state department today in original Spanish directly to General Carranza, Villa, governors of states and to other Mexican chiefs. The appeal had been sent in English to the various Latin American legations in Mexico City to be translated into Spanish for delivery to the military leaders in that vicinity.

The next step in the administration's plan for settling peace in Mexico will be persuasion through friendly efforts to persuade the Mexican leaders who have indicated opposition to the movement to eliminate themselves for the common welfare. In this connection it was said that Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, who is known personally to many of the Mexican military leaders, might exert a powerful influence.

Now that General Villa and his adherents have indicated their readiness to join in a peace conference proposed by the old Carranza group is not recognized and that a stable government is established, no opposition to the plan is looked for except from the Carranza element, although in many quarters here it is felt that they might acquiesce after giving careful study to the friendly tone of the appeal.

European countries represented in Mexico have approved the peace plan, it was said.

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EVERY POINT MADE BY CITY IS SUSTAINED

Judge Church Declares the Union of Two Municipalities Was Legal.

CITY HAS SHOWN RIGHT

Complete Victory for Those Who Have Been Working for Rock Island's Growth.

Deciding every material contention in favor of the city and upholding annexation of the village of Sears to Rock Island as legal Judge W. T. Church in circuit court this morning gave his ruling upon the quo warranto proceedings brought by certain South Rock Island residents in an effort to break the bonds of union. The court had the questions at issue under advisement since Friday, Aug. 6, when the arguments were closed. It is probable that the issue will be carried to the state supreme court.

The ruling was upon demurrers to the three pleas filed by the city in its answer to the quo warranto. The demurrers were sustained as to the first and third pleas, the latter at the request of the city, but the demurrer to the second plea, which contained every point that the city contended for, was overruled.

The first plea did not set up the organization of the village of Sears and on this account the court held it bad. The second plea set up the organization of the village and covered every step through the whole annexation proceedings, including the passage of the curative act.

The third plea set up everything in the second one and in addition stated an agreement that the relations were established to question annexation proceedings on account of having participated in the election. On this third plea the court held the question of outpacing was only surplusage, but as long as the second plea contained everything that the third plea did, except the principle of outpacing which attorneys fought for the city had no deprecience upon the city asked that the demurrer in this be sustained.

Judge Church upheld the legality of the union ordinance, or agreement between the village and the city passed upon and approved by the voters at the election. He also held that the so-called curative act passed by the legislature would operate to remove technical defects in the annexation of the territory to the village of Sears, as well as possible defects in the annexation of Sears to Rock Island.

The Ruling in Full. Judge Church's ruling in full follows: "In the suit of the people of the state of Illinois on relation of Mary J. Dougherty, and others, against the city of Rock Island, information is a proceeding to determine by what right the city of Rock Island, referred to as respondent, exercises municipal control over what heretofore was the city of Rock Island proper, the village of Sears, and also property lying in between said city of Rock Island and said village of Sears, with its annexed property, being annexed to the city of Rock Island, respondent and defendant herein.

"When the petition for quo warranto was permitted to be filed and the writ ordered issued it then as a matter of law devolved upon the respondent, city of Rock Island, to show by written pleadings by what right or authority it exercised municipal control over all property so annexed, or, in other words, what title it had to the village of Sears, including its annexed territory, if that proceeding could in this proceeding reach the property heretofore annexed to said village of Sears.

Three Pleas Filed. "The respondent, city of Rock Island, to show such right, title and authority has filed three pleas, covering two hundred typewritten pages, the substance of which pleas is as follows: The first plea avers that the village of Sears was annexed to the city of Rock Island under Section 2 of the City and Village Act by following the provisions of that act which purports to allow adjoining municipalities by their respective city councils or trustees to enter into a contract of annexation upon a two-thirds vote of the respective city councils or trustees of the municipalities which seek to unite. There is, however, nothing averred in this plea with reference to the annexation of the property heretofore annexed to the village of Sears lying in between the original city of Rock Island and the original village of Sears.

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AMERICAN BARK IS STILL BEING HELD

German Authorities Have Not Yet Released Ship With Cotton Cargo Seized Four Months Ago.

Bremen, Aug. 14. (via London).—The German authorities have not yet released the American bark *Wagon* of Baltimore, which was brought into port a fortnight ago, having on board 3,000 bales of cotton from New York port.

The situation is complicated with circumstances which may lead to considerable delay in the release of the bark, although the cargo of cotton is not contraband.

The bark is similar to that of the American steamer *David*, in that the vessel was transferred in American registry after the outbreak of the war and as far as can be ascertained her cargo already has passed to the ownership of the Russian consignees.

The ultimate disposition of the bark may be awaited as a precedent. If this case results unfavorably to the American owners of the ship and cargo, under the accepted rule of enemy cargo aboard an enemy ship, the bark of Baltimore also may be regarded as liable to confiscation.

The bark of Baltimore was first held up on her voyage by a British cruiser, which placed aboard her a prize crew of five men. Later a German submarine hailed the bark and placed it in charge of a German prize crew. According to cables, accounts of the incident the British prize crew remained in hiding for 11 days, while the German officer took the vessel to port.

Celebrate Blackwell Anniversary. Worcester, Mass., Aug. 14.—A large delegation of suffragists from all over Massachusetts, headed by the state president of the suffrage association, Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, gathered at Gov.'s Hall today to celebrate the 50th birthday anniversary of Lucy Stone Blackwell, the pioneer suffragist of Massachusetts. The unveiling of a bronze tablet on the house where she was born was made by her daughter, Miss Blackwell, and a suffrage tree was planted.

Orphans Saved From Fire. Baltimore, Aug. 14.—Three hundred colored orphans were hastily carried from St. Elizabeth's home in St. Paul street, near the center of the city, early today, while a fire raged in the furniture factory of Goldstrom Bros., next door. The home caught fire but the children were removed in safety. The furniture factory was destroyed, with an estimated loss of \$75,000. St. Elizabeth's home suffered damage of about \$10,000.

45 Americans Sail. New York, Aug. 14.—The American line steamship *St. Paul* sailed at noon today for Liverpool with 585 passengers and a large general cargo. The cabin list showed 110 names, 45 of whom are Americans.

PEACE CONGRESS MEETS IN FRISCO

Questions of Armaments and Labor Movements in Relation to War to Be Discussed.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—An announcement was made here today that the fifth American peace congress would meet in San Francisco, beginning Oct. 10 and continue for three days. Leaders in the peace movement from throughout the world are expected to attend. Joint sessions will be held under the auspices of the American peace society.

Subjects to be discussed include the formation of a league of nations, a world court, the disarmament of nations and colleges in the peace movement and the question of armaments and the labor movement in its relation to world peace.

Speakers thus far announced include Senator Henri La Montagne of Belgium, president of the council of the international peace bureau at Bern, Switzerland; Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, Persian minister to the United States; Theodore Marburg, Baltimore, former minister to Belgium; Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford Jr. university; Dr. Benjamin H. Wheeler, president of the University of California; Dr. John May of Freiburg, Germany, president of the international federation of students; and A. T. Gail, executive director of the American Peace society.

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PRESS RIDICULES PEACE OVERTURE

German Empire Does Not Betray Her Allies Is Answer to Report Involving Russia.

London, Aug. 14.—Reports that Germany has made overtures to Russia for a separate peace by offering to Russia a free use of the Dardanelles are ridiculed by the Hamburg Nachrichten according to a Reuters dispatch from Amsterdam.

"Germany does not own the Dardanelles and therefore cannot offer them to anybody," declares the paper. "They are the property of the Turks, who for five months have proved they know how to defend them. The German empire does not betray its allies."

To Redoat Republica. Paris, Aug. 14.—The Portuguese cruiser Republica, which ran aground near Peniche, south of Lisbon, while on her way to Oporto, is not believed to be in a dangerous position, according to advices from Peniche, where the crew disembarked after the shipwreck. It was stated that the Republica would be floated on the next high tide.

CREDIT OF A HALF BILLION PLANNED

Bankers Holding Affairs of Great Britain, Russia and France Confer in New York.

New York, Aug. 14.—International bankers who have been handling financial affairs for Great Britain, France and Russia in this country, contemplated today the possibility of arranging a credit reaching \$500,000,000 to meet the situation arising from heavy European purchases of war munitions and the consequent extraordinary drain in funds of foreign exchange. Discussion of methods for advancing these funds were in progress.

One of the chief questions up for consideration was the nature of security to be required for the advances of American funds. It has been suggested that the credit may be secured by the deposit here of American bonds held in Europe. An effort to collect such bonds for a similar purpose in Great Britain recently did not meet with an encouraging response. To facilitate this operation it was said today that it may be necessary for the British government to impose a special tax on American bonds unless they are deposited with the Bank of England.

It is also proposed that British and Canadian bonds to the proportion of 25 per cent of the total be advanced as collateral.

Suggestions had been made recently that \$100,000,000 in credits, chiefly for Great Britain, be established, but bankers have now taken the stand that when the bulk of American war supplies in process of manufacture in this country are shipped forward the final payment then due will be so large that \$100,000,000 will be ineffectual in stemming the drain in exchange rates.

Investigate Ammunition Shortage. Petrograd,